12. Voluntary sector is involved in the implementaion of the Programme through Council for Advancement of Peaple's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

Assamese Officers Posted in the Office of GSI, Shillong

3260. SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assamese Officers in Senior ranks posted in the Shilong, G.S.I. Office; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of Assamese Officers have been denied their promotion for years together, if so, what are tthe reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) A total number of 16 Assamese Officers were posted in Shillong till recently. Of these 16 Officers, 7 have now been posted to Assam Regional Geology Division at Gowahati Circle Office.

(b) No, Sir. There is no case, where an Assamese Officer of senior rank has been deprived of this promotion for years together.

Doing Away Cess on Agricultural Produce

3261. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to do away with cases on agricultural produce;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cess being collected and on which produce; and

(c) the reason for withdrawing the cess on agriculural produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to abolish cess on cotton, copra and vegetable oils being levied under the produce cess Act, 1966, Copra Cess Act, 1979 and the Vegitable Oils Cess Act, 1983 respectively.

(c) To reduce the number of cesses and multiplicity of taxes.

Horticultural Division of CPWD

3262. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Adminstration zones of CPWD have Horticultural Division under their jurisdiction.

(b) if so the names of the Divisions and the circles under which they are placed;

(c) whether all the Horticultural works pertaining to these zones have been placed under these divisions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) (i) Hort. Development Division-I (PWD) (Delhi Administration), New Delhi, This Division is under the administrative control of Supdt. Engineer PWD, (Circle-III. Delhi Administration, New Delhi).

(ii) Hort. Development Division—II (PWD Delhi Administration) New Delhi. This Division is under the administrative control of the Supdt. Engineer, PWD, Circle—IV, Delhi Administration, New Delhi.